

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2540 - HB 3102

February 10, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the "Tennessee Spay/Neuter Law", which requires that any dog or cat adopted from a public or private agency (i.e., animal shelter, pound, or humane shelter) must be spayed or neutered within 30 days from the date of adoption. The law requires such agency to collect a deposit from an individual adopting such a pet and to petition a court for an order requiring the new pet owner to comply if the spaying/neutering is not accomplished timely. A violation of the provisions of the bill is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes that, to the extent that every county and municipality that operates an animal shelter does not currently enforce these requirements, local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for the administration of the provisions of the bill. Such increase is estimated to be not significant.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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